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SR-76 East Project

South Mission Road to Interstate 15

PROJECT GOALS

- Relieve existing and future traffic congestion
- Improve motorist safety
- Minimize environmental impacts

Studies to determine the extent and severity of the impacts to these environmental resources are scheduled to begin in Spring 2005 and to continue for three to five years.

THE PROJECT

The current proposal is to develop a 4-lane conventional highway from South Mission Road in Bonsall to Interstate 15. SR 76 is known as Pala Road within this portion of unincorporated San Diego County.

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES:

Project alternatives are currently being developed in conjunction with San Diego County, and the communities of Bonsall and Fallbrook, resource agencies, regulatory agencies and others.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The widening and realigning of SR-76 will present numerous environmental concerns. Potential concerns include: impacts to existing and planned residential areas that would be subject to increased noise, neighborhood disruption and change of community character; potential business displacements; loss of biological resources including riparian habitat, wetlands, and endangered species; impacts to archaeological sites; floodplain encroachment; the taking of agricultural land; the use of Section 4(f) resources (public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places); potential growth impacts; and visual impacts due to cuts, fills, and structures.

TRAFFIC

The current traffic volume on SR 76 between South Mission Road and Interstate 15 is approximately 18,000 average daily trips. Planned growth will increase the traffic volume to approximately 32,000 average daily trips by the year 2030. Within the study limits, a transportation project will need to be implemented to safely and efficiently handle the traffic increase. Rail transit is not planned for the corridor.

ACCIDENTS

The accident rate on this portion of SR-76, for fatal and injury accidents is comparable to similar two-lane routes in the state.

FUNDING SOURCES

Current estimates are being developed. Anticipated funding for the project includes the Transnet Sales Tax Measure approved by San Diego County voters in November 2004, gas tax revenues from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and federal and local funds.

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